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PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION
WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD OF
02 - 09 July 1986

I. Items or Events of Major Interest that have Occurred
During the Preceding Week

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A. On 1 July 1986, representatives from the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) toured the "New Technology Exhibit" sponsored by the Sony Corporation of America at the Library of Congress. Sony exhibited several new laser disc products including a dual-sided consumer-recordable video disc; the new "Mavica" laser camera that can be instantly played on a television through a Mavica Player; the Mavigraph, which produces 5" X 7" prints directly from a television monitor; Sony's compact disc system; and a digitally compressed signal transmission system. In addition the P&PD representatives were given a private showing of Sony's consumer-recordable compact audio disc system. The most significant items of information gained from this exhibit were that Sony now warrants their Write-Once Digital Discs for 30 years, that they will be marketing an erasable laser medium in 1987, and that they have developed their system using 'optical-magnetic' media which purportedly has greater information storage characteristics than unadulterated optical or magnetic media. The specific impact of this technology on P&PD is unknown at this time; however, ~~as stated in previous weekly reports,~~ this new medium has great potential in the error-free retrieval and storage of mass information.

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* B. The most recent endeavor by the Office of Logistics, ~~Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD)~~, requesting that the Comptroller transfer funds to P&PD to permit component funding of new copiers was unsuccessful. However, the proposal will be considered again at a budget meeting later

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in July. Hopefully funding will become available at that time. In the meantime P&PD will continue to move copiers and juggle resources in an effort to meet the most urgent requirements. [redacted]

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* C. The Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division (OL/P&PD) is currently preparing a poster campaign for the Information Management Support Staff, OL titled "Steps to Superior Service." The campaign is designed to promote better client oriented services which are offered by the Office of Logistics. Two designs were prepared and the most appropriate design will be selected for publication. [redacted]

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D. In support of implementing the Office of Logistics, Printing and Photography Division's (OL/P&PD) digital prepress system, a test tape containing 64 pages of a directory type job was output from the ATEX system and loaded to the Gerber Electronic Page Controller. Several proof copies were generated from this database on the laser platemaker. Page positioning coordinates were adjusted several times using these proofs as a guide. Several problems surfaced during this test which are now being worked out. [redacted]

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II. Significant Events Anticipated During the Coming Week

None.

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